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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 31

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S.- RELATED ITEMS INCLUDE KZ REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE U.S.-JAPAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE QUESTIONS.

-- PRAVDA ANNOUNCES THAT HUSAK RECEIVED ANDROPOV, IN PRAGUE FOR "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT", IN "CORDIAL, COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE", AND IZVESTIYA'S PRAGUE TASS REPORT ON JUSAK'S NITRA SPEECH MAKES IT SOUND LAVISHLY FAITHFUL ON SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS. KZ REGULAR COMMENTATOR M. PONOMAREV'S PIECE ON "SOCIALIST INTEGRATION" ADDS RECENTLY CONCLUDED SERIES OF BREZHNEV BILATERALS IN CRIMEA TO TRIUMPHANT RECORD AND DOES NOT REFER TO "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM", BUT IS OTHERWISE SO STANDARD AS TO MENTION WP POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, DESPITE FACT IT HAS NOT MET FOR YEARS.

-- G. RATIANI'S LONG PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON PARIS AT THE END OF AUGUST MANAGES TO AVOID MENTIONING THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN COURSE OF ROUTINE DESCRIPTION OF FRENCH PROBLEMS: UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, DROUGHT, GROWING GERMAN ROLE IN EUROPE.

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-- FRG HAS SWEET-AND-SOUR DAY: BONN TASS REPORT IN PRAVDA ON SCHMIDT'S SPIEGEL INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS STATEMENTS THAT NEITHER HE NOR FORD NOR CARTER WILL CHANGE APPROACH TO EAST; BERLIN TASS REPORT HAS HONECKER REJECTING INTERFERENCE IN DGR SOVEREIGNTY WITHOUT MENTIONING FRG; BUT IZVESTIYA'S KUKUSHKIN LEAPS ON REPORTS OF STRAUSS INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKHEED PAYOFFS, AND PRAVDA'S ZYUBANOV WRITES A NASTY ATTACK ON POSSIBLE PURCHASES OF BOEING E-3A

PLANE, CAPABLE OF DETECTING ANY PLACE BETWEEN PARIS AND WARSAW AND THUS OF "OPEN AERIAL ESPIONAGE ALONG THE SOVIALIST STATES' FRONTIERS".

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS SEPTEMBER 2 - 7 SOVIET NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO THE FINNISH PORT OF OULA, AND PRAVDA REPORTS THE WARM RECEPTION FOR THE SOVIET SHIPS IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY TASS BEIRUT REPORT ON WIDE-SPREAD USE OF MERCENARIES BY RIGHTIST FORCES. PRAVDA ACCOUNT ALSO MENTIONS "VOICE OF PALESTINE" REPORT OF SYRIAN SHELLING OF NATIONAL-PATRIOTIC AND PALESTINIAN FORCES.

-- IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA DESCRIBE DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI OF DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET A.P. BADEV TO HELP CELEBRATE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS RABAT REPORT ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF MOROCCAN PARTY OF PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM.

-- AFRICA RECEIVES HEAVY COVERAGE IN PRESS. PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY V. TYURKIN EMPHASIZES ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY COOPERATION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE NUCLEAR POTENTIAL OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" BY V. KUDRYAVTSEV DWELLS ON ALLEGED U.S. EFFORT TO HELP SOUTH AFRICA THWART SWAPO AND SET UP PUPPET REGIME IN NAMIBIA. PRAVDA HAS TASS MAPUTO ITEM REPORTING THAT "FIGHTERS AGAINST RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA" RECEIVED NEWS OF FORTHCOMING SECRETARY-VORSTER MEETING WITH "PROFOUND DISSATISFACTION".

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-- KZ REPORTS AUGUST 30 ARRIVAL OF MALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY, LT. COL. KISSIMA DOUKARA.

-- IZVESTIYA'S TOKYO CORRESPONDENT BANDURA REPORTS IN SOME DETAIL ON THE LATEST ROUND OF JOCKEYING WITHIN THE LDP, AND ADDS COMMENTARY ON THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL ON THE PARTY'S ELECTORAL CHANCES.

2. U.S.

-- KZ REPORTS THE FIRST MEETING IN TOKYO OF THE JAPAN-U.S. COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE QUESTION, WHICH IT SAYS WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE JULY MEETING TO REVIEW THE BILATERAL SECURITY TREATY. THE COMMITTEE,

SAYS THE TASS ITEM, IS A "NEW STEP TOWARDS THE GOAL OF
DRAWING JAPAN FURTHER INTO THE ORBIT OF U.S. STRATEGIC
PLANNING IN THE FAR EAST."

-- KZ PRINTS TASS NEW YORK ITEM DESCRIBING
MURDER IN IRAN OF THREE U.S. TECHNICIANS WORKING THERE
FOR ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL. SHORT ARTICLE CONCLUDES
BY DESCRIBING 24-27,000 U.S. ADVISORS AND EXPERTS WHO
HAVE "FLOODED" IRAN.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE STRIKE IN WELLINGTON
PROTESTING THE VISIT OF THE U.S.- NUCLEAR-POWERED CRUISER
"TRUXTON". THE STRIKE, ACCORDING TO THE TASS REPORT,
IS THE LARGEST IN NEW ZEALAND IN THE PAST 25 YEARS.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS FROM TASS WASHINGTON THAT
AMERICAN VOTERS ARE APATHETIC BECAUSE THEY DO NOT TRUST
THEIR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS.
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